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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMISSIONER CRITICIZES SAVIMBI AND
LUANDA PRESS

1. ON SEPTEMBER 25 THE PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMISSIONER,
ADMIRAL CARDOSO, MADE AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT CRITICIZING
UNITA PRESIDENT JONAS SAVIMBI. CARDOSO WAS CRITICAL
OF SAVIMBI'S DEMAND THAT THE PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES
LEAVE ANGOLA SOON AND OF SAVIMBI'S CLAIM THAT THE
PORTUGUESE MILITARY ASSISTS MPAJN CWRDOSO STATED THAT
SAVIMBI HAD NO APPRECIATION OF THE DELICATE AND THANKLESS
TASK THAT THE PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES ARE ATTEMPTING
TO UNDERTAKE.

2. COMMENT. CARDOSO'S CRITICISM IS NOT A SIGN THAT HE IS
TILTING TOWARD MPLA BUT RATHER STEMS FROM IRRITATION
WITH CRITICISM THAT HE IS IN FACT SYMPATHETIC TO MPLA AND
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A MANIFESTATION OF HIS FRUSTRATION OF FAILURE TO

ACHIEVE THE ACCOMMODATION BETWEEN UNITA AND MPLA IN ORDER
TO EASE THE TRANSFER OF PORTUGUESE AUTHORITY TO SOME
REPRESENTATIVE GROUPING ON NOVEMBER 11.

3. ON THE SAME DAY, HE RELEASED ANOTHER STATEMENT
LAMBASTING THE MPLA CONTROLLED LUANDA PRESS FOR
BEING CRITICAL OF THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY AUTHORITIES
AND THEIR CONDUCT, AND FOR REFERRING TO THEM AS
"FOREIGN".

4. TO COMPLETE THE TRIANGLE THE FNLA'S HOLDAN ROBERTO
HAS REPORTEDLY ACCUSED THE PORTUGUESE OF INFORMING
THE MPLA OF FNLA'S MOVEMENTS AS OBSERVED FROM PORTUGUESE
AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT.

5. AS WAS THE CASE WITH HIS PREDECESSOR, CARDOSO
CAN PLEASE NO ONE. ALL THE MOVEMENTS FIND IT CONVENIENT
ON SAVIMBI HE ALSO SAID "HOW ILL CERTAIN COMMANDERS JUSTIFY
THEIR MILITARY DEFEATS AFTER OUR TROOPS HAVE LEFT?"
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